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USOECD TAKE ACTION, EMB FOR INFO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EIND, OECD

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS
PRACTICES (RBP): ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN

REF: PARIS 10145

1. MISSION IS CORRECT IN ASSUMPTION REFTEL THAT U.S. IS
NOT REPEAT NOT INTERESTED IN OBTAINING CHAIRMANSHIP OF
RBP COMMITTEE IN JUNE ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCY CREATED
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BY GUENTHER'S (FRG) WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CHAIR. DEPARTMENT
CONFIRMS THAT U.S. INTENDS AT THIS POINT TO SUPPORT ONLY
KNOWN CANDIDATE, LOWBEER (SWEDEN).

2. U.S. SIMILARLY IS NOT REPEAT NOT PREPARED TO OFFER A
CANDIDATE FOR VACANCIES IN EITHER OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN-
SHIPS ARISING FROM LOWBEER'S ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN OR

WALSH'S RETIREMENT. WE HAVE NO PREFERENCE AT THIS POINT WITH RESPECT TO OTHER POSSIBLE CANDIDATES BUT SEE SOME MERIT IN SELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OF THE SMALLER STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMITTEE'S WORK.

3. WE SEE NO COMPELLING ADVANTAGE TO BE GAINED IN OBTAINING RBP CHAIR OR VICE CHAIR. U.S. ALREADY WELL REPRESENTED THROUGH CHAIRING LARGEST NUMBER OF WORKING GROUPS WITHIN

THE COMMITTEE. TO SEEK SENIOR COMMITTEE POSITION WOULD ONLY INCREASE A U.S. PROFILE WHICH ALREADY IS HIGH IN RBP WORK. OUR INTERESTS IN AN ACTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD BE BETTER SERVED, IN OUR VIEW, BY ALLOWING OTHERS TO TAKE LEADERSHIP POSITION WHICH MIGHT GENERATE GREATER INTEREST ON THEIR PART IN THE COMMITTEE'S WORK. VANCE

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